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COAL INDUSTRY ADDS NEW MINES AND MACHINERY

NEW MINES AND MACHINES IN DONBASS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 229, 26 Sep 48

"Novo-Grodovka" Mine No 1 of the "Krasnoarmeyskugol'" Trust will be put into operation in several days. Construction has already been completed on the reinforcel-concrete loading bunkers and on the decesing plant. A conference machine to be installed will be the first in the Donbass. A new miners! settlement is being constructed near the mino.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 215, 10 Sep 48

A bridge excavator operated by hydraulic traction was recently installed at the Baydakovskiy open-pit coal mine (Kirovograd Oblast). Its productivity exceeds 6,000 cubic meters of earth a day.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 209, 3 Sep 48

The Alibertovskoye Mine Administration in the Donbass fulfilled the year plan for mining coal and produced 14,000 tons of coal above plan by Miner's Day on 29 August. The miners have pledged to mine many thousands of tons of coal above the plan by the end of the year.

RAIL FACILITIES SLOW BASIN DEVELOPMENT -- Pravda Vostoka, No 189, 22 Sep 48

The Angren Coal Basin is of primary economic importance to Uzbekistan and the whole of Central Asia. The Angren Basis contributed 30 percent of the coal mined by "Sredazugol'" Combine in 1948. This region may be considered as a future coal basin of the Soviet Union. Its location and geological formations will permit wide application of open-pit mining methods. .. strip pit and Mine No 9 were put into operation in 1948. In the first half of 1948, "Uzbekugol'" Trust mined 350 percent more coal than in the corresponding period of 1947. Coal production has progressively increased during the second half of this year.

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The main obstacle to higher production is a shortage of coal cars. The Tashkent Railroad supplies only 70 - 30 percent of the empty cars required. Since the pit lacks transport and storage equipment, it is unable to store large quantities of coal and, hence, must cut down on production. The railroad failed to send 270 cars in June and 490 cars in July.

"Sredazugol'" Combine did not fulfill the plan for construction of approaches, conveyers, and bunkers. This has greatly hindered loading operations. Additional tracks have not been laid at Pravoberezhnaya Station, and the branch which leads to the pit has not been repaired. Thus, the railroad is not able to accommodate the expanding capacity of the Angren mines. It is conceivable that in 1949 the railroad will not be able to meet the demands of the basin since the second section of the open pit will begin to function and a large gas plant, a heat and power plant, and other enterprises will be constructed. These new enterprises will also require railroad service. The local deposits of kaolin, marl, lime, etc., will permit the production of cement, lime, refractory material, and porcelain wares.

NEW MINE IN GEORGIAN SSR -- Zarya Vostoka, No 177, 4 Sep 48

By order of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Georgian SSR, the new "Yugo-Vostochneya" Tkibuli Coal Mine has been given the name "imeni Yyacheslav Mikhaylovich Molotov." The Mine imeni Molotov was put into operation 2 months ago. Soraper conveyers are being used at all levels of the mine for coal transportation. Their use greatly increases labor efficiency.

TURKMEN PRODUCTION TO INCREASE -- Pravda Vostoka, No 179, 8 Sep 48

There are extensive deposits of bituminous coal in the Kugitang-Tau Mountains. A new adit has been constructed which leads to a low level of the seam being worked there. Pit work is being mechanized. Coal will be conveyed by electric hoisting machines. Cutting machines are being put into operation. A power plant is being constructed. These measures will boost coal production fivefold.

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